

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

March 22, 2004

Chairman Lopez called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Lopez, Roy, Sysyn, DeVries, O'Neil

Chairman Lopez addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Ordinance:

“Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the B-2 (General Business) zoning district to include a portion of TPK 3-5A, a portion of TPK 3-5B, a portion of TPK 3-6, TPK 3-6A, TPK 3-7, & TPK 3-8 currently zoned R-3 (Urban Multifamily).”

Alderman O'Neil moved to recommend that the Ordinance ought to pass.

Alderman DeVries duly seconded the motion.

Alderman DeVries stated I think in deference to the Planning Board, who certainly make a valid point that this has great potential for the gateway, what we are being asked to do is strictly to make this decision is this multi-family, do we wish it to stay zoned multi-family or rezone this into B-2. I would have to agree that given that choice do we want to see multi-families there or business. I would have to agree that this should be rezoned business.

Chairman Lopez stated I would just like to mention that two Aldermen, Alderman Sysyn and Alderman DeVries, sit on the Planning Board so they are very well versed in what is going on.

Alderman O'Neil stated I just have a comment. I think and I am not sure if the Planning Board had this information but the possible relocation of the Raphael Club to this site goes back at least four years if not five years. The discussion started with the state. The project has taken a lot longer to develop than I think the

State wished it did. They had hoped to be under construction at this point. I know the officers and board of directors of the Raphael Club have spent a considerable amount of time looking at other sites but they just couldn't find a site that worked for them. I do take a little bit of an exception to comments made that social clubs are bad for children and neighborhoods because the social clubs in this City are integral parts of our City. I think this is the proper thing to do and I think it is an old commitment to be honest with you.

Chairman Lopez called for a motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Lopez addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Ordinance:

“Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by changing the maximum height of residential structures in the R-3 (Urban Multifamily) district from 35 feet to 45 feet.”

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Roy it was voted to recommend that the Ordinance ought to pass.

TABLED ITEMS

5. Ordinance:

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by creating a new section within Chapter 111: Amusements establishing regulations for noise activities conducted in outdoor concert venues throughout the city and inserting new penalties in Section 111.99: Penalty to enforce these regulations.”

This item remained on the table.

6. Ordinance:

“Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by changing the zoning district of property currently zoned IND (General Industrial) to R-SM (Residential Suburban Multifamily) by extending the R-SM zone district on a portion of property identified as TM 478, Lot 8, located on Candia Road.”

This item remained on the table.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee